(c) whether it is a fact that the apprehended culprits and the ringleader Surla were released on bail/personal bond which is unprecedented;

(d) whether it is a fact that the culprits released on bail/personal bond have since absconded; and

(e) if so, the details of the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED) : (a) and (b) Four accused persons have been arrested. Chargesheet was filed against one accused Chokka More under section 120 B, 326 and 307 IPC and against other three accused persons namely Anna, Sunil Damodar Pande and Surla chargesheets under section 126B, 326 and 307 IPC read with section 34 IPC have been filed.

(c) Accused Chokka More and Anna @ Annadurai were released on bail on furnishing personal bond for Rs. 5000/- before XIV Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Madras on 1-9-1992.

The same court released both Sunil Damodar Pande and Surla @Sudalaimuthu on bail on 21-9-1992 and 2-2-1993 respectively on furnishing of bonds by sureties for Rs. 5000/-.

(d) and (e) Three accused persons, namely Chokka More, Anna @Annadurai and Sunil Damodar Pande are absconding after their release on bail.

Expenditure incurred by Central Ministers

@3710. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the actual travel and entertainment expenses of Central Ministers were about 536 per cent of the expenditure provided for in the budget for 1992-93; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken to keep these expenses under check, and to what extent success has been achieved in this regard ?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYED) : (a) and (b) Budget estimate for 1992-93 for the travel expenses of the Ministers was Rs. 5.5 crores and in the revised estimate provision for Rs. .35 crores is being made. Out of this, an expenditure of Rs. 32 crores has been incurred upto date. The tours by the Ministers are undertaken only if they are necessary in public interest.

राज्यों में चुनाव कराया जाना

@@3711. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का उन राज्यों में चुनाव कराने का विचार है जिनमें इस समय राष्ट्रपति शासन है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) और (ख) जिन राज्यों में राष्ट्रपति शासन है उनमें चुनाव कराने के बारे में उचित समय पर निर्णय लिया जायेगा ।

Grant of Pardon etc.

3712. SHRI V. REJESHWAR RAO : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many cases of grants of pardons, reprieves, suspension remission or commutation of death sentence have been made during the last three years;

@Previously Unstarred Question 2582, transferred from the 16th March, 1993.

@@पूर्वतः अतारांकित प्रश्न 3030, 18 मार्च, 1993 से स्थानान्तरित ।